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SUBJ: WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 16 --
DISCUSSION OF WEO SLATES

SUMMARY: AT MEETING FEBRUARY 16 WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP ENDORSED AUSTRALIA, FRG, GREECE, AND ITALY FOR RE-ELECTION TO ECOSOC COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND FRANCE, ITALY, UK, AND US FOR RE-ELECTION TO COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (CSTD). THEY ALSO AGREED TO SEEK GA FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP, FOR WHICH FINLAND IS A CANDIDATE, AND ENDORSED SWISS PERM OBSERVER MARCUARD FOR VICE PRESIDENCY OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PLEDGING CONFERENCE. US ANNOUNCED CANDIDACIES FOR RE-ELECTION TO ECOSOC COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN, NGO COMMITTEE, CSTD, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL. WE ALSO SAID (PER STATE 29931) THAT US WOULD NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED AND NOTED EXPECTATION THAT US GROUP OF PERM COURT OF ARBITRATION WOULD NOMINATE US CITIZEN FOR ICJ. END SUMMARY.

1. WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS (WEO) GROUP MET ON
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FEBRUARY 16 TO DISCUSS GROUP'S FUTURE SLATES UNDER
GROUP CHAIRMAN DE PINIES J(SPAIN).

2. THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATURES WERE ANNOUNCED FOR ECOSOC
COMMITTEE/COMMISSION POSITIONS:

(A) COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (2 WEL SEATS

AVAILABLE): UK EXPECTS TO BE CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION.
NORWAY IS CANDIDATE TO REPLACE FINLAND.

(B) COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (3 WEO SEATS): GREECE
AND NETHERLANDS ASKED TO RESERVE THEIR POSITIONS.
THOSE ALREADY ANNOUNCED ARE FRG, PORTUGAL, UK, AND CANADA.

(C) COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN (3 WEL SEATS):
NORWAY SPEAKING AS CHAIRMAN OF NORDICS STATED THAT
GROUP WILL PRESENT A CANDIDATE TO REPLACE SWEDEN LATER;
NETHERLANDS ANNOUNCED ITS CANDIDACY AND US ANNOUNCED DESIRE
FOR RE-ELECTION. UK NOTED THAT THE EASTERN EUROPEANS
WANT THE CHAIRMANSHIP BUT THOUGHT WEO'S SHOULD NOT ADMIT
THE VALIDITY OF THIS CANDIDACY UNTIL CLEAR ABOUT BASIS FOR EE
CLAIM. HE CITED CONFUSION LAST YEAR OVER LA VS WEO (UK)
CHAIRMANSHIP. WEOG CHAIRMAN STATED HE WOULD TRY TO CLARIFY
THE SITUATION BEFORE NEXT MEETING.

(D) COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (3 WEO
SEATS): CANADA SUBMITTED ITS CANDIDACY WHILE DENMARK,
BELGIUM, AND UK ANNOUNCED FOR RE-ELECTION.

(E) COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (4 WEL SEATS):
ITALY, AUSTRALIA, FRG, AND GREECE ANNOUNCED DESIRE TO BE
RE-ELECTED AND WERE ENDORSED BY THE GROUP.

(F) COMMITTEE ON ON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (4 WEO
SEATS): FRANCE, SWEDEN, UK AND US ALL ANNOUNCED FOR RE-
ELECTION.

(G) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOP-
MENT (4 WEO SEATS): FRANCE, ITALY, UK, AND US ANNOUNCED
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FOR RE-ELECTION AND WERE ENDORSED.

(H) COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (9 WEO SEATS):
NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, ITALY, AUSTRALIA, TURKEY, AND US
ANNOUNCED DESIRE TO BE RE-ELECTED. SPAIN PUT FORTH ITS
CANDIDACY AND AUSTRIA ASKED TO RESERVE ITS POSITION.
NORWAY, SPEAKING FOR NORDIC GROUP, SAID NORDIC CANDIDATES
TO SUCCEED ICELAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN WILL BE PUT FORTH
LATER.

(I) COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (3 WEO
SEATS): SPAIN, ITALY, AND CANADA DESIRED RE-ELECTION.
BELGIUM, TURKEY, AND AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES;
AUSTRIA, GREECE AND PORTUGAL RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS. AT
CLOSE OF MEETING, CANADA (BARTON) ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY OF
DEP PERMREP GEOFFREY BRUCE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS
COMMITTEE.

(J) COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL: ITALY
ASKED RE-ELECTION OF PRESENT (EXPERT) MEMBER: AUSTRALIA,
PORTUGAL AND AUSTRIA RESERVED POSITIONS.

(K) EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF (3 WEO SEATS): AS
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, UK, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN, BELGIUM,
SWITZERLAND, NETHERLANDS AND AUSTRIA ARE CANDIDATES AND
GREECE REMAINS INTERESTED.

(L) GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP (6 WEO SEATS): PORTUGAL ANNOUNCED ITS CANDIDACY AND GREECE STATED ITS INTEREST. AUSTRIA, UK, ITALY, DENMARK, AND US DESIRED RE-ELECTION. CHAIRMAN ALSO NOTED JAPAN'S CANDIDACY.

(M) COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: SWEDEN WAS ONLY MEMBER EXPRESSING INTEREST IN CANDIDACY.

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2. THIRTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY SLATES: THE TWO WEO VICE PRESIDENCIES; SPAIN ANNOUNCED ITS CANDIDACY WHILE CANADA AND PORTUGAL INDICATED INTEREST. GREECE AND AUSTRIA MADE GENERAL RESERVATION ON BOTH VP AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN POSITIONS. IN DISCUSSING TWO WEO CHAIRMANSHIPS OF MAIN COMMITTEES, FINLAND (PASTINEN) ANNOUNCED INTEREST IN FIRST COMMITTEE. IRELAND SUPPORTED THE FINLAND BID. AFTER DISCUSSION OF WHICH COMMITTEES WEO'S SHOULD SEEK TO CHAIR, DURING WHICH SUGGESTIONS FOR THIRD AND SIXTH COMMITTEES WERE MADE ALONG WITH FIRST. NEW ZEALAND (TEMPLETON) PROPOSED THAT GROUP DECIDE NOW TO SEEK FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP AND DISCUSS LATER WHICH OTHER POST TO SEEK. GROUP AGREED. CHAIRMAN ALSO POINTED OUT NEED TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR POSITIONS AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

3. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) : CHAIRMAN NOTED PREVIOUS FINNISH CANDIDACY FOR ICJ AND CANADA AND AUSTRIA RESERVED POSITIONS. US ANNOUNCED EXPECTED NOMINATION OF US CANDIDATE.

4. SECURITY COUNCIL: THERE ARE SIX REMAINING FIRM CAN-

DIDACIES FOR TWO WEO SC SEATS AFTER SPAIN WITHDREW AND
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THREW ITS SUPPORT TO PORTUAL. ITALY ALSO REMAINS TENTATIVE
CANDIDATE.

5. ECOSOC (5 WEO SEATS): CHAIRMAN NOTED SUB-REGIONAL
GROUPS WOULD NOMINATE 4 CANDIDATES, WHILE FRANCE WAS ENTITLED
TO RE-ELECTION. IRELAND CONFIRMED DESIRE TO REPLACE FRG
AND TURKEY ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY TO SUCCEED GREECE.

6. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
DISABLED PERSON (4 WEO SEATS): THERE ARE SIX FIRM CAN-
DIDACIES FOR FOUR SEATS: BELGIUM, UK, FRG, SWEDEN, CANADA,
AND US. PREVIOUSLY INTERESTED NEW ZELAND WITHDRAW ITS
CANDIDACY.

7. AUSTRIA SO FAR IS SOLE CANDIDATE FOR VICE CHAIRMAN AT
UNIDO CONFERENCE. (DISTRIBUTION OF 15 VICE CHAIRMANSIPS
HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALLY NEGOTIATED, ACCORDING TO AUSTRIA.
GROUP ENDORSED SWISS PERM OBSERVER MARCUARD AS CANDIDATE
FOR VICE PRESIDENCY OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PLEDGING
CONFERENCE.

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